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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: ANTI-ROMANIAN DEMONSTRATIONS

REFERENCE: (A) BUCHAREST 2435; (B) BUCHAREST 2431(NOTAL)

1. AT 11:35 A.M. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2, ROMANIAN CHARGE  
IONITA TELEPHONED EUR/EE ACTING DIRECTOR (SCHMIDT) TO REPORT  
THAT HE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY AMBASSADOR DATCU IN NEW YORK  
OF A DEMONSTRATION TAKING PLACE IN FRONT OF THE ROMANIAN UN  
MISSION. IONITA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DEMONSTRATORS (8 TO 10  
PEOPLE) WERE "BLOCKING THE STREET" AND WERE PROHIBITING THE  
PUBLIC FROM ENTERING ENTRANCES OF ROMANIAN MISSION AND ITS  
LIBRARY. HE SAID VISITING DELEGATION OF ROMANIAN HISTORI-  
ANS WERE SUPPOSED TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME FORM OF OFFICIAL  
PROGRAM IN THE LIBRARY STARTING AT 11 A.M. IONITA ALSO  
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SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME POLICE WERE ON THE SCENE BUT  
THAT THEY WERE "NOT DOING ANYTHING". HE ASKED THAT PROMPT  
ACTION BE TAKEN SO THAT PUBLIC COULD ENTER AND PROGRAM TAKE  
PLACE.

2. WE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED DEPARTMENT'S SECURITY COMMAND  
CENTER AND REQUESTED THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION BE TAKEN BY

NY POLICE DEPARTMENT. SY IN TURN CONTACTED NYPD AND INITIATED INVESTIGATION. WE INFORMED IONITA OF SAME. AT

APPROXIMATELY 11:50 A.M. IONITA CALLED AGAIN TO RELATE THAT HE HAD HEARD AGAIN FROM AMBASSADOR DATCU, WHO SAID DEMONSTRATORS HAD INCREASED "SUBSTANTIALY" IN NUMBER AND THAT POLICE IN MEANTIME HAD DISAPPEARED. MISSION ALSO HAD INFORMED USUN AND REQUESTED ITS ASSISTANCE.

3. FOLLOWING SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CALLS FROM DEPARTMENT TO NYPD, FBI, AND USUN, SCHMIDT INFORMED IONITA AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 P.M. THAT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED NYPD HAD MOVED DEMONSTRATORS ACROSS STREET AND, ALTHOUGH NO BARRIERS WERE BEING USED, THERE WAS NO LONGER POSSIBILITY THAT THEY COULD BLOCK PERSONS WHO WISHED TO ENTER EITHER THE LIBRARY OR THE ROMANIAN MISSION. IONITA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT AND USUN. LATER THE SAME AFTERNOON SCHMIDT INFORMED IONITA THAT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED FROM NEW YORK THAT THE DEMONSTRATION HAD ENDED AT 1 P.M.

4. INFORMATION RECEIVED VIA SY AND USUN (BUT WHICH DEPARTMENT DID NOT PASS ON TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY) INDICATES THAT DEMONSTRATORS, WHO NUMBERED TWENTY AT THE MOST, WERE LED BY WELL-KNOWN ANTI-ROMANIAN REGIME FIGURE DIMITRIE APOSTOLIU. ACCORDING TO THEIR PLACARDS, THEY WERE PROTESTING, I.A., ALLEGED BEATING IN ROMANIA OF PAUL GOMA. APOSTOLIU REPORTEDLY "VERBALLY HARASSED" MR. VICTOR RADESCU, AN AMCIT VISITING THE LIBRARY, BY MAKING A THREAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAINST HIS LIFE. WE UNDERSTAND RADESCU MAY BRING CHARGES. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, NYPD ARRIVED AT SCENE AT APPROX. 11:15 A.M. AND THEN TOOK ACTION TO MOVE DEMONSTRATORS ACROSS STREET. (USUN ALSO WILL BE REPORTING ON THIS INCIDENT.)

5. REGARDING OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST HISTORIANS' DELEGATION (REF A), AT RECEPTION ON APRIL 1ST GIVEN FOR DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT'S ROMANIAN DESK OFFICER WAS INFORMED BY WIFE OF COLUMBIA HISTORY PROFESSOR DEAK THAT THERE WAS SOME FORM OF DEMONSTRATION THAT AFTERNOON DURING PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA. SHE SAID DEMONSTRATION WAS KEPT OUTSIDE COLUMBIA CAMPUS, BUT THAT IT WAS AUDIBLE TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO GET DETAILS.

6. COMMENT. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE TO US THAT ALTHOUGH INTERFERENCE IN ACCESS TO OUR EMBASSY AND LIBRARY IN BUCHAREST (REF B) BY ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES ON APRIL 2-3 APPEARS TO

HAVE BEGUN EIGHT HOURS BEFORE START OF DEMONSTRATION AT  
ROMANIAN UN MISSION, GOR MAY HAVE HAD ADVANCE WORD THAT

IT WOULD TAKE PLACE AND THAT ACTION IN BUCHAREST WAS IN  
RESPONSE TO DEMONSTRATION AT COLUMBIA AND ELSEWHERE. WE  
ARE TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT  
OTHER STOPS ON HISTORIANS' ITINERARY ARE AWARE OF POSSIB-  
LE DEMONSTRATIONS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES.  
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